

down, I'm rather curious since you've been involved in this issue and, as far as I know, few of the rest of us have, are you aware of some interest in using these provisions, or is there an application pending that you're aware of that I'm not? I guess my concern is this, really I think the main thrust of the bill is that it should be a study but this makes it significantly more than that and I'm curious, what do you know that I don't?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I'd hate to list all of those things, Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, just do the one then.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Probably, it would be a very short list, Senator Scofield, but anyway, no, I do not know of any applications that are pending. Yes, I believe there is interest in Nebraska water and I believe at the present time that that interest is guided along the directions that they hope Nebraska does nothing, that we stand a mute so that if and when they want to make those transfers, they can do so without any kind of regulatory or supervisory authority at all. I would be very pleased, very frankly, Senator Scofield, if, as a result of this study, it were determined that, yes, the Nebraska Legislature does have some ability to regulate them and that maybe we can come back and do a better job. But, at the present time, I'm operating on the basis of information I have. I don't think we can do anything.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I guess you and I have seen enough other instances where we have been preempted and I appreciate Senator Vard Johnson's comment about isn't there anything we can do as a Legislature to insert ourselves in this process, and I guess I'd just indicate my interest in pursuing that a bit before we hit Final Reading on this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the bill be advanced? Those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted on the advancement of the bill? Voting on the advancement of the bill. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk.